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ATKINSON STARTS SOON

About Ready to Leave for Madeira and the Azores.

Advices received per the Alameda indicate that Secretary Atkinson will probably leave New York for Europe in the latter part of this week, or early next. The Secretary was to have been in Washington on the 20th to get letters from the State Department accrediting him to the United States Ministers at London and Lisbon, and to the American consular officer in the Azores. With these letters in his possession, Mr. Atkinson would be ready to sail.

It is his purpose to go first to London, of course, and consult with the American minister there and probably arrange the preliminaries for the transportation to Honolulu of any laborers he may succeed in securing. He will then go at once to Lisbon, and take his passage from there to the Azores. It is not expected that he will enter into any negotiations with the officers of the Portuguese government, although of course there is no telling that there will not be official interference of some kind with his mission, the more so Consul Canavarro has probably sent a full account of the project to his government. If there should be any hitch there, it will become a part of the Secretary's business to smooth matters over, and in this he will be able to command the backing of the American minister to Portugal.

Sailing from Lisbon, the Secretary will proceed at once to Fayal, in the Azores, and may also go to Funchal, Madeira, and see the people it is proposed to endeavor to induce to come to Hawaii and labor in the cane fields, and make the preliminary arrangements with them directly. How long he will have to remain there is not certain, but he will probably stay for several weeks, at least. The Secretary is provided with data from which he can make definite propositions, and ordinarily it should not take long to conclude arrangements with people who really wanted to come here. The Portuguese of the Azores are a canny lot, and are moreover climatically inclined to slow movement. And they must have time to deliberate upon and digest the proposition that may be made to them. Indeed, a second agent will doubtless have to be sent to accompany them to Honolulu. The Secretary's trip is intended merely to pave the way.

The Territorial Board of Immigration meets this morning at 9 o'clock. It is believed that matters concerning Secretary Atkinson's trip to Madeira Island will be taken up and discussed at length.

CASE WHERE DOCTORS DO NOT AGREE

A story comes from Hilo to the effect that Dr. Hammond, lately prison physician there, does not intend to come back from the mainland, and so a number of applications for the vacant position have reached High Sheriff Henry. When Dr. Hammond went away he left Dr. Hays in his place as a substitute, and the last named gentleman has been holding the job ever since. Dr. Hays, however, is a homeopath, and now that there is a prospect that the position of prison physician will be permanent, the professional gentlemen of the other, or allopathic, school, do not like to see the plum go to one of the opposition, and so have applied to the High Sheriff to make the change.

In a question of doctors disagreeing, the High Sheriff yesterday was finding some little difficulty in reaching a determination. Another story from Hilo, that comes along with the other, is to the effect that Dr. Hammond, who has been in the islands, is a man with an interesting history, which history arose somewhat unexpectedly and confronted him. This is said to be the reason that the doctor will not return to Hilo.

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APPEAL TO GRAND JURY

High Sheriff to Ask Investigation of the Gonsales Case.

"I am getting mighty tired of these little lawyers trying to make reputations and win cases at my expense," said High Sheriff Henry yesterday, "and I am going to call the attention of the Grand Jury to this matter of the confession of Iladio Gonsales, and ask for a full investigation of the whole thing."

"You see, it was this way. Gonsales did agree to plead guilty to murder in the second degree. This statement was made in my presence to Chester Doyle, who was at no time closer to the man than the distance across the prison office. There was never any cruelty practiced toward the man, and nobody in the prison ever struck him. Gonsales was very sick in the prison for about four months. No; I don't know what was the matter with him. The doctors said he had some kind of intestinal trouble. Anyway, we had one doctor for him, and finally got two. The man was yelling and shouting at the top of his lungs, and finally he became such a nuisance that we had to take him out of the hospital and put him in a cell. There he had watchers with him night and day. He was in considerable agony, and used to thrash around a great deal and sometimes his nurses would have to hold him down. Well, one day, when he tried to throw himself out on the floor, one of his nurses, a fellow Porto Rican, put his foot against the sick man's leg to hold him down.

"That was the only time he was ever touched in that way that I know of. But Gonsales was probably sore from throwing himself about so much. When he expressed a desire to withdraw his plea of not guilty and plead guilty to murder in the second degree, he was told to sleep over it and let me know his decision in the morning. He did sleep over it, and he did let me know the next morning. And I carried his decision to the Attorney General. There was no cruelty used, and no duress brought to bear on the man.

"Well, I am tired of it, and I'm going to ask the Grand Jury to make a thorough investigation. Then we shall see who is at fault."

ALL BIKES MUST HAVE TAX TAGS

"I will seize every bicycle that has not a license tax upon it, and confiscate it," said Tax Assessor Holt yesterday.

The new bicycle tags came down on the Alameda and are rather neat things in their way. The tag is a little enameled clasp, in white with a nickel finish, and contains the words, "Bicycle tax," with the number and the year upon them. They are intended to fasten just forward of the handle bars, and will be rather ornamental than otherwise. Anyway, they will be safe. "I will start my men out at once," went on Mr. Holt, "and they will have orders to seize bikes that do not show the license tag. I propose to see that this section of the law is enforced vigorously."

And so the owners of bicycles will do well to see the Territorial Treasurer about this at once, and make their wheels safe against seizure. The bicycle tax amounts to one dollar a year—and the Territory needs the money.

THE SCRAP AT WAIPAHU.

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was under arrest. Presently a hack came and Wills tried to put handcuffs on me. I asked Wills not to handcuff me and said that I wouldn't hurt anybody. He would not listen to me, however, and I shoved him off. Then a number of other officers jumped me and I was double handcuffed and taken to the depot in the hack. Three men, Wills, Kanoe and Miki were sent to town with me as guards. I was taken from the station at Honolulu to the police station in the patrol-wagon. Wills told the man in charge to hold me for investigation until Leslie returned, but I was released at 11 p. m. The following day Sheriff Brown returned my badge and I went on duty cleaning the arms and accoutrements of the police who returned from Waipahu. I read an article in an evening paper last night which I thought did me an injustice and was prompted by it to ask for an apology from Leslie and Wills. That's the whole truth about the matter."

Elvin had been attached to the police force for a long time and has always borne an excellent reputation. He is the crack rifle shot of the police and in the capacity of armorer has given unqualified satisfaction.

Two Japanese fishing sampans have been missing since the storm. The smaller one with two men left for the fishing grounds on Wednesday and, it failing to return, a larger boat with eight men went out on Friday in search of it. Nothing has since been heard of either boat.

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